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TO LARRY EAGLEBURGER FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

DECEMBER 10, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: NOON NOTES

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CAMBODIA-ATMOSPHERICS ON PRIME MINISTER IN TAM'S RESIGNATION:
PRESIDENT LON NOL IS CASTING ABOUT FOR A REPLACEMENT FOR PRIME
MINISTER IN TAM, WHO ANNOUNCED HIS DESIRE TO RESIGN ON DECEMBER

7. THE U.S. EMBASSY IN PHNOM PENH REPORTS THAT LON NOL'S FIRST
CHOICE IS LIKELY TO BE HIS LONG-TIME CRONY GENERAL THAPPANA NGINN,
CURRENTLY THE THIRD VICE PRIME MINISTER. HIGH POLITICAL COUNCIL
MEMBER SIRIK MATAK AND OTHERS WILL PROBABLY OPPOSE THIS CHOICE,
HOWEVER, AND THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT IT MAY TAKE SOME TIME TO
FIND AN ACCEPTABLE REPLACEMENT FOR IN TAM. IN TAM HIMSELF TOLD
U.S. OFFICIALS THAT HE WANTS TO AVOID A GOVERNMENTAL CRISIS AND
THAT IN ORDER TO ASSURE A SMOOTH TRANSITION HE WILL NOT LEAVE
OFFICE ABRUPTLY.

SOVIETS ARGUE DETENTE IS GOOD FOR LATIN AMERICA, TOO:

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THAT THE SOVIET PRESS HAS BEGUN TO BEAT THE DRUMS FOR
DETENTE IN LATIN AMERICA, APPARENTLY IN PREPARATION FOR BREZHNEV'S
VISIT TO CUBA, WHICH WILL PROBABLY BEGIN IN LATE DECEMBER AND
EXTEND BEYOND JANUARY 1, THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF CASTRO'S TAKEOVER
THERE. AN ARTICLE IN IZVESTIA ON DECEMBER 4 TAKES THE VIEW THAT,
DESPITE THE RECENT SETBACK IN CHILE, DETENTE HAS IMPROVED THE

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POSITION OF THE FORCES FOR "PROGRESS AND INDEPENDENCE" IN LATIN AMERICA. ARTICLES ON CUBA IN PRAVDA ON DECEMBER 5 AND 6 ALSO STRESS THE POSITIVE ASPECTS OF THE USSR'S "PEACE POLICY." THE ARTICLE IN IZVESTIA SAYS THAT THE POSITION OF LATIN AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENTS HAS GROWN STRONGER, THANKS TO MOSCOW'S PEACE POLICY. IT EMPHASIZED THAT ALLENDE'S ELECTION IS EVIDENCE OF THE NEW ALIGNMENT OF FORCES IN LATIN AMERICA, AND CLAIMS THAT HIS FALL MERELY CONFIRMS THAT A REVOLUTION MUST BE ABLE TO DEFEND ITSELF BECAUSE THE CLASS STRUGGLE HAS NOT LESSENER. IT DISTINGUISHES BETWEEN REACTIONARY DICTATORIAL MILITARY REGIMES AND THE NEW TYPE OF MILITARY GOVERNMENTS OPPOSING IMPERIALISM AND SUPPORTING REFORM AND INDEPENDENCE, AND SAYS THAT THE RISE OF THE LATTER, ALONG WITH EVENTS SUCH AS PERON'S RETURN IN ARGENTINA, TESTIFY TO THE FACT THAT THE LATIN LIBERATION MOVEMENT IS CONSTANTLY GROWING BROADER. THE ARTICLES IN PRAVDA ALSO PLUG SUPPORT FOR DETENTE AS A NECESSARY CONDITION FOR LATIN DEVELOPMENT, NOTING THAT SOVIET POLICY HAS STRENGTHENED PEACE, WHICH CUBANS AND LATINS, AS WELL AS OTHERS, NEED, AND THAT SOVIET AID HAS HELPED THE CUBANS BUILD A POWERFUL REVOLUTIONARY ARMY. A SOVIET SPECIALIST ON THE WORLD COMMUNIST MOVEMENT RECENTLY TOLD A U.S. EMBASSY OFFICIAL IN MOSCOW THAT ONE OF THE QUESTIONS NOW AGITATING THE MOVEMENT IS INTERPRETATION OF THE RECENT EVENTS IN CHILE. THOSE FAVORING THE NON-PEACEFUL PATH TO POWER ARE SAID TO BE POINTING TO ALLENDE'S DOWNFALL TO SUPPORT THEIR VIEW. SOME CUBANS MAY BE INCLINED TO THAT VIEW; THEY CERTAINLY APPEAR TO BE DISTURBED BY U.S.-SOVIET DETENTE AND BY MOSCOW'S REACTION TO RECENT EVENTS IN LATIN AMERICA SUCH AS ALLENDE'S FALL AND THE ARREST OF THE HEAD OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN URUGUAY.

PAKISTAN-AFGHANISTAN BORDER PROBLEMS: RELATIONS BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN HAVE BEEN FURTHER STRAINED BY ISLAMABAD'S REPORTED DELAY IN ISSUING VISAS TO A LARGE NUMBER OF AFGHAN TRIBESMEN TO FACILITATE THEIR ANNUAL MIGRATION INTO PAKISTAN. ACCORDING TO AN AFGHAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL, THE PAKISTANIS ARE DRAGGING THEIR FEET, EVEN THOUGH AFGHANISTAN HAS ISSUED PASSPORTS TO TRIBESMEN, AS DEMANDED BY PAKISTAN. THE OFFICIAL TOLD THE U.S. AMBASSADOR THAT THE TRIBESMEN ARE GROWING RESTLESS AND MAY MOVE ACROSS THE BORDER WITHOUT VISAS, POSSIBLY PROVOKING ARMED CLASHES.

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